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WHEN A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES MANIFESTS THE ABILITY TO PROFILE THE FUTURE, THE SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY IS SPLIT AS TO WHETHER HIS POWER IS AN ASSET OR A DANGER.

STORM AND HER TEAM OF X-MEN HAVE SIDED WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE PREDICTIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE, WHILE MAGNETO FEARS ULYSSES TIPS THE SCALE IN THE ONGOING COLD WAR BETWEEN MUTANTS AND INHUMANS. NIGHTCRAWLER HAS HIS OWN RESERVATIONS ABOUT PREDICTIVE JUSTICE AND HAS JOINED MAGNETO'S TEAM IN THE SAVAGE LAND.

WHEN MAGNETO MADE THE FIRST MOVE, SENDING FANTOMEX INTO THE INHUMAN CAPITAL, NEW ATTILAN, TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON ULYSSES, PSYLOCKE RUSHED TO ALERT STORM'S TEAM IN HOPES OF PREVENTING WAR.

FANTOMEX WAS SUCCESSFULLY APPREHENDED, LEADING MAGNETO'S TEAM TO STAGE A RESCUE, WHILE RACHEL GREY AND MAGNETO HEADED TO NEW ATTILAN FOR ULYSSES...

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NEW ATTILAN.
I MEANT WHAT I SAID, MAGNETO.
NO ONE DIES WHILE WE'RE HERE.
RACHEL GREY.
NO ONE.
WE GRAB ULYSSES AND WE'RE OUT OF HERE--WITHOUT GETTING BLOOD ON OUR HANDS.
MAGNETO.
HAVE YOU FOUND HIM?
I'VE GLEANED HIS LOCATION FROM THE MINDS OF THOSE AROUND US. LOWER YOUR MENTAL DEFENSES A TAD AND I'LL POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
I MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT NONE OF THESE PEOPLE HATE US THE WAY YOU THINK THEY DO.
THEY'RE AFRAID OF YOU, BUT THEY DON'T HATE MUTANTS IN GENERAL.
HOLD THE INHUMANS OFF FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.
I'LL DO MY BEST, BUT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A WIDE-RANGE PSYCHIC SWEEP HERE.
I CAN PUT THEM TO SLEEP, MAKE YOU INVISIBLE, AND OTHERWISE SEND THEM RUNNING IN CIRCLES...
...BUT I CAN ONLY KEEP THEM AWAY FOR TEN, FIFTEEN MINUTES, TOPS.

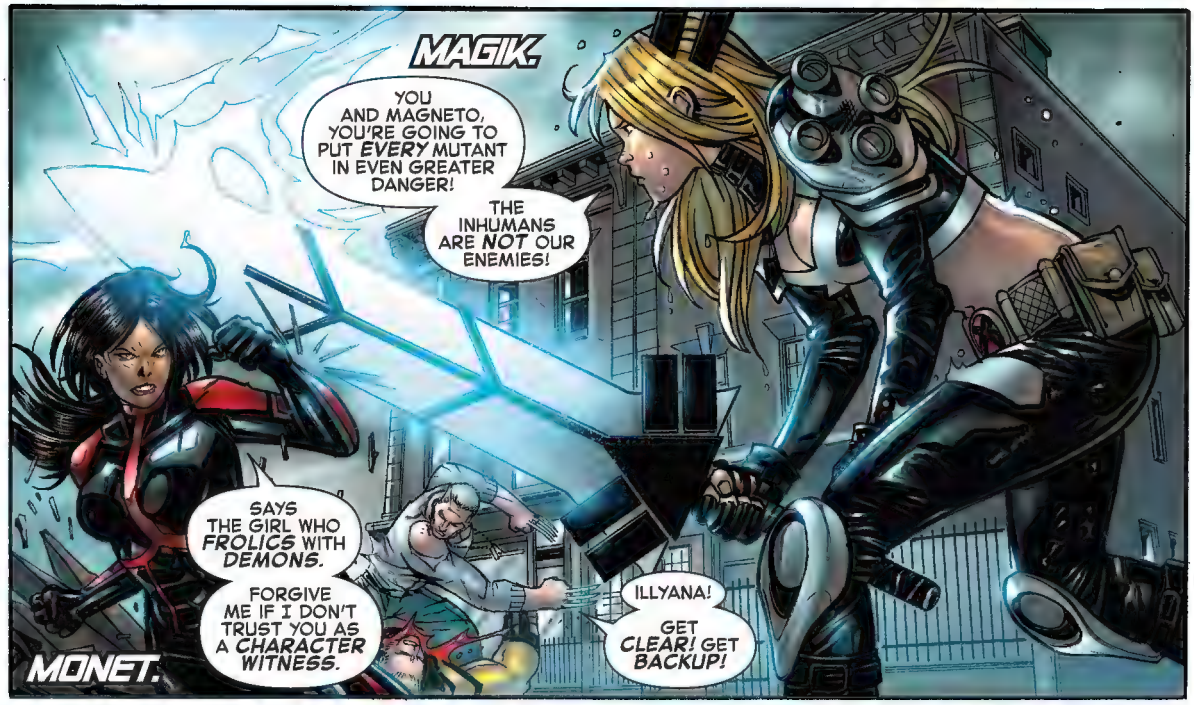
MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME.
KRA-SHOOM
UH... HEY.
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP, I GUESS.
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
ULYSSES.

MANHATTAN.
SHHZZZL-- KRAKKOW
WE'RE BEING STALLED HERE!
MAGNETO WANTS TO DISTRACT US WHILE HE MAKES HIS MOVE AGAINST THE INHUMANS!
STORM.
YOU MUST KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO NOW, ORORO.
CONFRONTING MAGNETO WILL NOT CHANGE ANYTHING.
ONLY MAGNETO HIMSELF CAN CONTROL THE OUTCOME OF THIS STRUGGLE.
ARCHANGEL.
THAT IS WHAT MAGNETO WANTS US TO BELIEVE!
BUT I WILL NOT LET HIM DAMN US ALL FOR THE SAKE OF HIS MAD CRUSADE!
HE'LL MAKE ENEMIES WHERE HE COULD FIND ALLIES--
--AS EASILY AS HE'S TURNED US AGAINST ONE ANOTHER!
SHRA-CHOOM

GODDESS HELP ME, BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANTED.
ANYTHING BUT--
--THIS.
...FEATHERS...
...NEUROTOXIN...
...ALREADY TAKING--
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, ELIZABETH--
--OUR FRIENDS NEED US!
NIGHTCRAWLER.
PSYLOCKE.

I'VE GOT YOU!
BAMF
WARREN, YOU IDIOT!
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THIS!
BAMF
ELIZABETH--
--LOOK OUT!
MYSTIQUE
HOLD STILL, PSYLOCKE!
I'VE GOT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU!

THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO THINKING YOU WERE ONE OF THE ANGELS, CREED!
BUT HERE YOU ARE, STILL FIGHTING AGAINST YOUR FELLOW MUTANTS!
AND I HEARD YOU WERE DEAD.
BUT HERE YOU ARE--STILL A RUNT...AND AN OLD RUNT AT THAT!
SABRETOOTH.
OLD MAN LOGAN.
OLD, MAYBE--
RAAGH!
CHOCK
--BUT STILL YOUNG ENOUGH FOR THE LIKES OF YOU!
WELL, WELL...IT LOOKS LIKE FATE HAS BROUGHT US BACK TOGETHER, YOU AND I.
GO AHEAD, RESET YOUR JAW.
I CAN WAIT...BUT WHEN YOU'RE DONE...
GAMBIT.
FANTOMEX.
...ROUND TWO!


MAGIK.
YOU AND MAGNETO, YOU'RE GOING TO PUT EVERY MUTANT IN EVEN GREATER DANGER!
THE INHUMANS ARE NOT OUR ENEMIES!
SAYS THE GIRL WHO FROLICS WITH DEMONS.
FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T TRUST YOU AS A CHARACTER WITNESS.
MONET.
ILLYANA!
GET CLEAR! GET BACKUP!

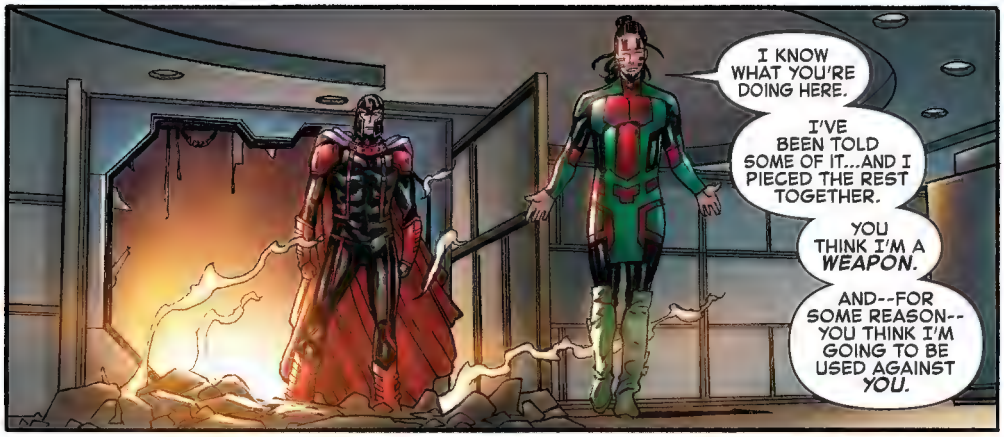
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
TRY TO STOP ME!

HERE--LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME NEW FRIENDS TO PLAY WITH.
YOU WON'T BE LONELY WHILE I'M GONE!

NNNN...
IT DID, KURT.
I WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION PEACEFULLY.
THIS GOT OUT OF HAND RATHER QUICKLY, DIDN'T IT, ORORO?

ARE WE CERTAIN THAT OPTION'S OFF THE TABLE?
MAGNETO'S ACTIONS ARE RASH, YES, BUT IF WE MUTANTS COULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING, PERHAPS THE INHUMANS--
NO.
AH, KURT. HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND?
IF MAGNETO DOES THIS--

"--THEN MUTANTKIND DESERVES ITS FATE."
SO... YOU'RE HIM.
WOW.
YOU'RE MAGNETO.
YOU'RE...
...KIND OF SCARY.
ARE YOU...
...HERE TO KILL ME?
IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF... THE ACTIONS I AM WILLING TO TAKE TO PROTECT MY PEOPLE.
AND YOU KNOW WHY I HAVE COME.
I KNOW.
I WAS JUST HOPING... I COULD TALK YOU OUT OF IT.


I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE.
I'VE BEEN TOLD SOME OF IT...AND I PIECED THE REST TOGETHER.
YOU THINK I'M A *WEAPON.*
AND--FOR SOME REASON--YOU THINK I'M GOING TO BE USED AGAINST *YOU.*

BUT OUR PEOPLE AREN'T FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
AT LEAST, WE WEREN'T.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS BEHIND US.

IN MY EXPERIENCE, IT IS THE *WEAPON* THAT TURNS A *COLD WAR...*
...INTO THE *REAL THING.*

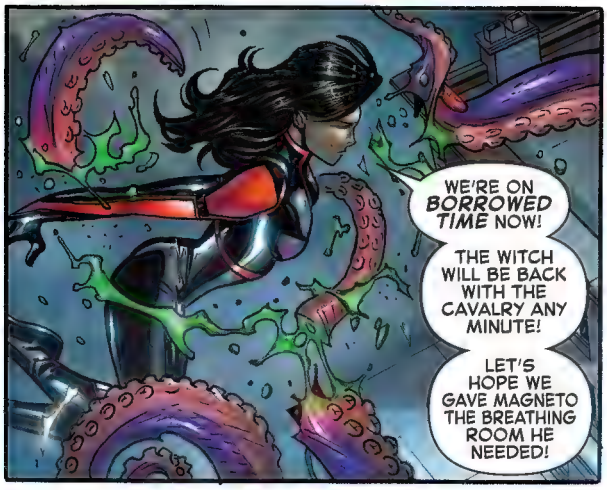
WHAT I CAN DO...SEEING ALL THESE *TERRIBLE DISASTERS...* THEY CALL IT A *GIFT.*
BUT IT'S *AWFUL...* SEEING THESE *CATASTROPHES* PLAYING OUT IN MY HEAD.
THERE ARE...

...SO *MANY* OF THEM.

I ONLY WANTED TO HELP, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THESE PREDICTIONS OF MINE...
...ARE JUST PUTTING PEOPLE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS.

YOU NEED TO KNOW, THOUGH...
...THIS *ISN'T* GOING TO TURN OUT THE WAY YOU THINK.

"IT WILL BE MUCH, MUCH WORSE."
ALL THOSE TIMES I WANTED TO SEE YOU DEAD, CREED...BUT HERE WE ARE.
I DON'T *WANT* TO CUT YOU DOWN...BUT IF YOU AND YOURS DON'T STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING, THAT'S HOW IT'LL BE!
RAAAARGH!


WE'RE ON *BORROWED TIME* NOW!
THE WITCH WILL BE BACK WITH THE CAVALRY ANY MINUTE!
LET'S HOPE WE GAVE MAGNETO THE BREATHING ROOM HE NEEDED!

WHEN MAGNETO TAKES OUR CHOICES FROM US, KURT, WHERE WILL WE BE THEN?
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE?
OUR DECISIONS WERE MADE FOR US LONG AGO, STORM... AND NOT BY MAGNETO.
NO PREDICTION IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT NOW.
WE HAVE TO BE READY WHEN THOSE DECISIONS YIELD THEIR RESULTS.

"WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE ON THE SAME '*SIDE*' I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON."
AACK!

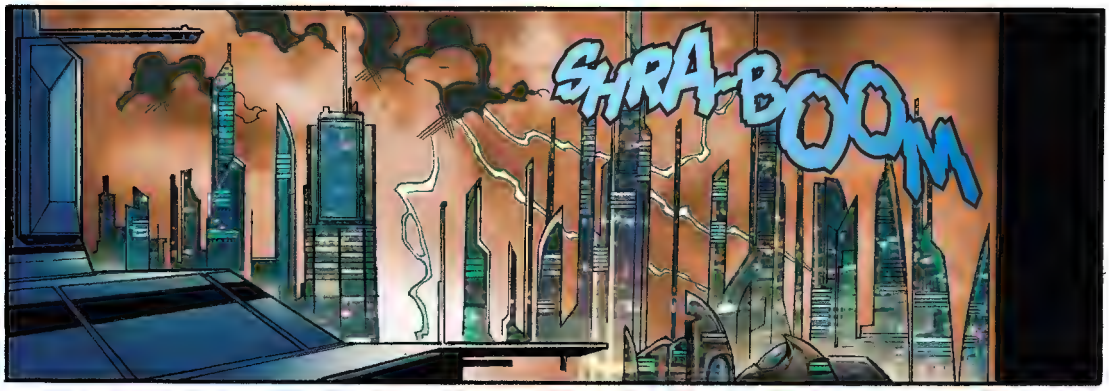
BAM
KURT! WHAT ARE YOU--
I'LL NOT LET YOU *MURDER* ANOTHER MUTANT, MYSTIQUE!
THERE ARE *TOO FEW* OF US LEFT!

THANK YOU, KURT.
DON'T THANK ME.
JUST BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO WATCH MY MOTHER SKEWER ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS, DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE DONE FIGHTING JUST YET.
WHERE'S THAT CAJUN CHARM NOW, HMM?
OOOF!
WHUMP
YOU WANT TO KILL ME, MON AMI?
YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE I DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF YOU AGAIN AT SOME POINT DOWN THE ROAD?
CEREBRA.
ICEMAN.
YOU SHOULD HAVE MOVED MORE QUICKLY.
JEAN GREY.
TRIAGE.

I HAVE NO BONE TO PICK WITH YOU, MADEMOISELLE. IF YOU'D JUST LET ME GET A FEW GOOD KICKS IN ON OUR MUTUAL CAJUN FRIEND, I'LL BE ON MY WAY.
I'M BETTING YOU WOULDN'T MIND KICKING HIM YOURSELF.
FIRST YOU, THEN HIM.
C'EST LA GUERRE.
AN ILLUSION--?!
ALL OF YOU-- ON ME!
WE NEED TO LEAVE THIS BRAWL BEHIND--
--AND FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON THE REAL THREAT!
THEY'RE TELEPORTING TO NEW ATTILAN, BUT MAGIK MADE A MISTAKE COMING BACK FOR STORM AND THE OTHERS.
IT'S LIKELY MAGNETO'S ALREADY FINISHED.
BUT JUST IN CASE--

"--LET'S FOLLOW THEM."
KRA-BOOM
I'VE DELAYED LONGER THAN I SHOULD HAVE.
I'M AFRAID WE'RE OUT OF TIME.
SO... WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
ARE YOU KIDNAPPING ME?
KILLING ME?
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.
FOR ALL YOUR FORESIGHT, YOU CANNOT SEE THE HELL MUTANTKIND HAS FACED OF LATE.
AND IF YOU CAN SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US, YOU'VE HAD YOUR CHANCE TO TELL ME.
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS.
I CAN ONLY SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE SHORT TERM.
BUT IF YOU WANT...

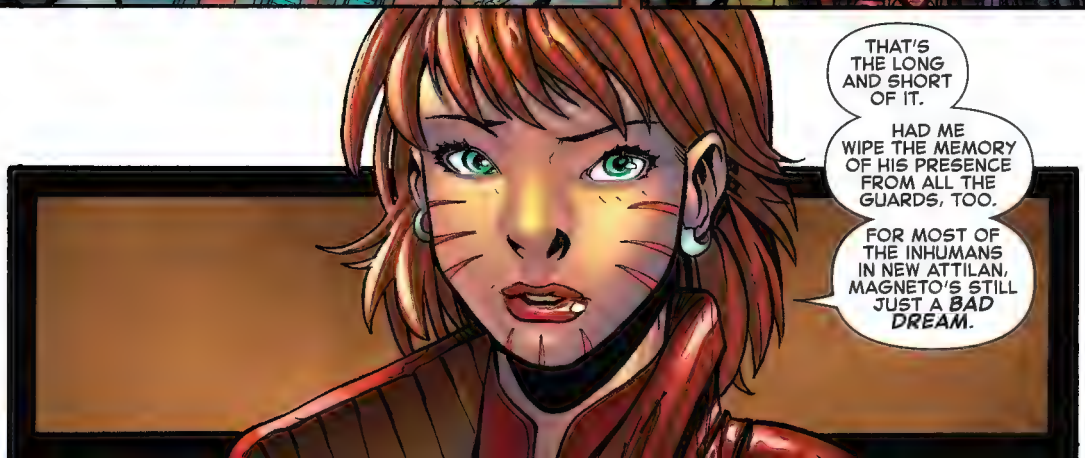
...I CAN SHOW THAT TO YOU.

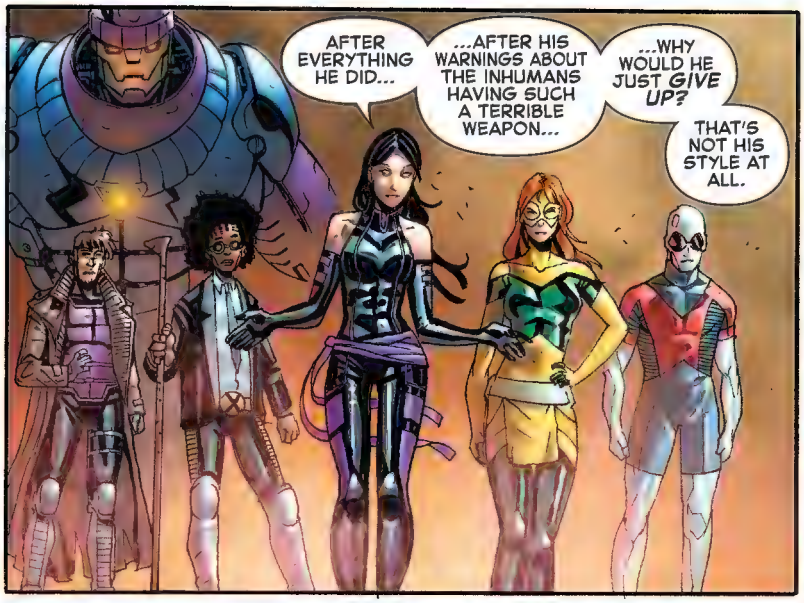

SHRA-BOOM

WHAT MAGNETO'S SET INTO MOTION...
...IT'S GONNA DRAG US ALL DOWN WITH HIM.
I KNOW, LOGAN.
BUT WE MUST TRY.
EVEN IN THE FACE OF FUTILITY, WE MUST.

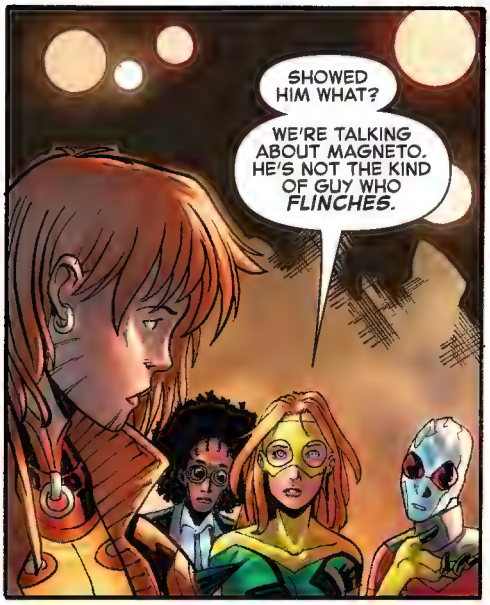
YOU CAN STAND DOWN, X-MEN.
YOU CAN RELAX.
MAGNETO HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.
AND HE'S LEFT ULYSSES--SAFE AND SOUND--WITH THE INHUMANS.

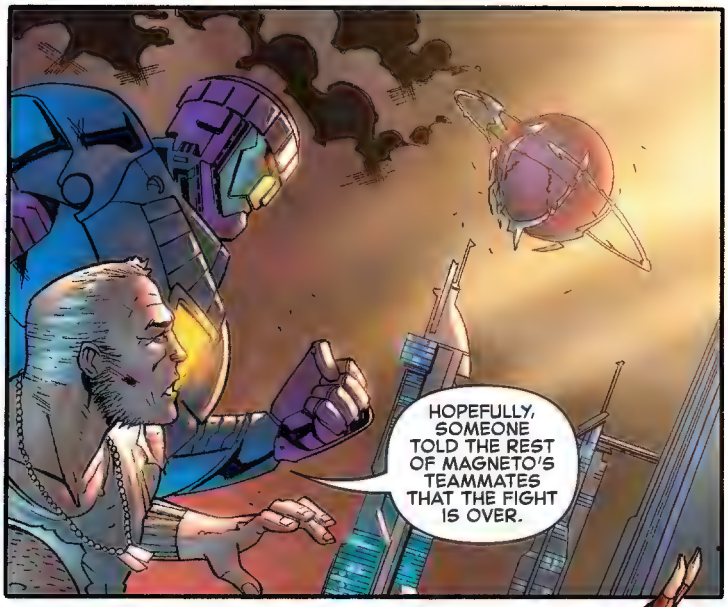
HE JUST... LEFT?


THAT'S THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT.
HAD ME WIPE THE MEMORY OF HIS PRESENCE FROM ALL THE GUARDS, TOO.
FOR MOST OF THE INHUMANS IN NEW ATTILAN, MAGNETO'S STILL JUST A BAD DREAM.


AFTER EVERYTHING HE DID...
...AFTER HIS WARNINGS ABOUT THE INHUMANS HAVING SUCH A TERRIBLE WEAPON...
...WHY WOULD HE JUST *GIVE UP?*
THAT'S NOT HIS STYLE AT ALL.

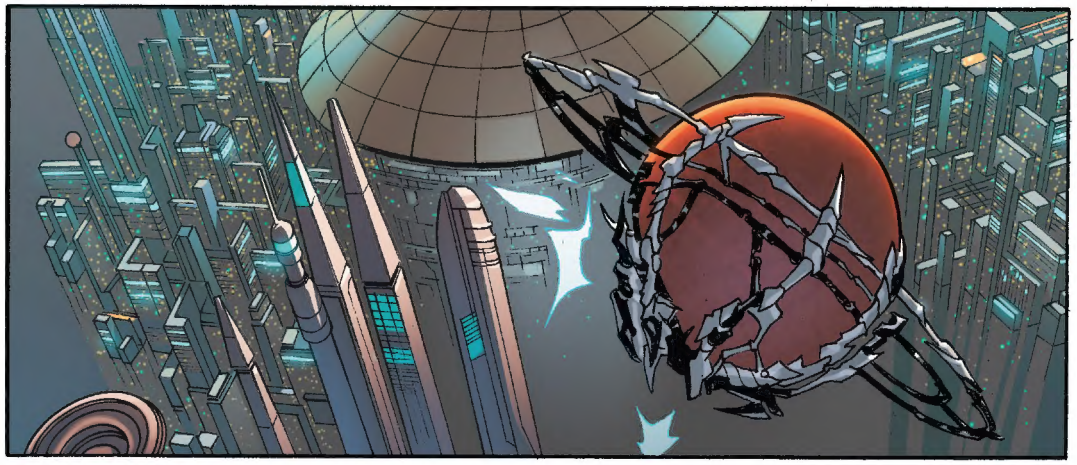
I THINK... MAYBE...
...ULYSSES SHOWED HIM SOMETHING.


SHOWED HIM WHAT?
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAGNETO. HE'S NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO *FLINCHES.*


HOPEFULLY, SOMEONE TOLD THE REST OF MAGNETO'S TEAMMATES THAT THE FIGHT IS OVER.

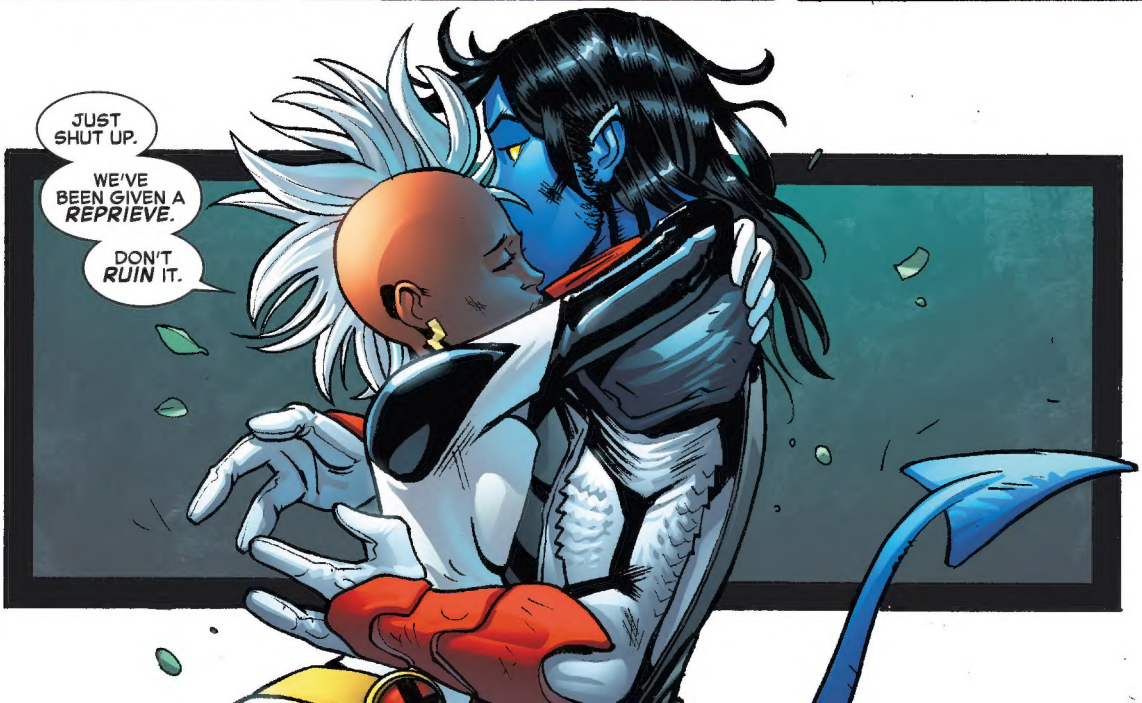
I'LL LET THEM KNOW.
I'LL TELL THEM... *SOMETHING.*
I'LL TELL THEM THAT *WHATEVER* MAGNETO SAW...

"...CONVINCED HIM THAT THIS MISSION WASN'T *WORTH* THE *ULTIMATE PRICE*."
I SHOULD KILL YOU, YOU KNOW.
YOU INVADED MY HOME. YOU ATTACKED MY PEOPLE.
I WOULD BE WITHIN MY RIGHTS.
YES, I SUPPOSE YOU WOULD BE.
QUEEN MEDUSA.
I'M GUESSING, THOUGH, THAT YOU *KNEW* WHAT THE BOY WOULD SHOW ME.
BEFORE I ARRIVED, YOU *KNEW*.
AND YOU *KNEW* THAT THE THREAT OF MUTANTS KILLING MUTANTS IN SUCH A WAY WOULD *DISSUADE* ME.
I ALSO ASSUME THAT ULYSSES SHOWED *YOU* SOMETHING, TOO.
A VISION OF BLOODSHED AND TRAGEDY, NOT TOO DISSIMILAR FROM WHAT HE SHOWED ME.
YOU, LIKE ME, ARE *UNWILLING* TO *SACRIFICE* YOUR PEOPLE TODAY.
YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE, MAGNETO.
IF YOU RETURN--NO MATTER YOUR INTENTIONS--YOU WILL BE SEEN AS AN *ENEMY*.
YOU WILL BE DEALT WITH AS SUCH.
REST ASSURED, MEDUSA...
...WHEN I RETURN, IT WILL *DEFINITELY* BE AS AN ENEMY.

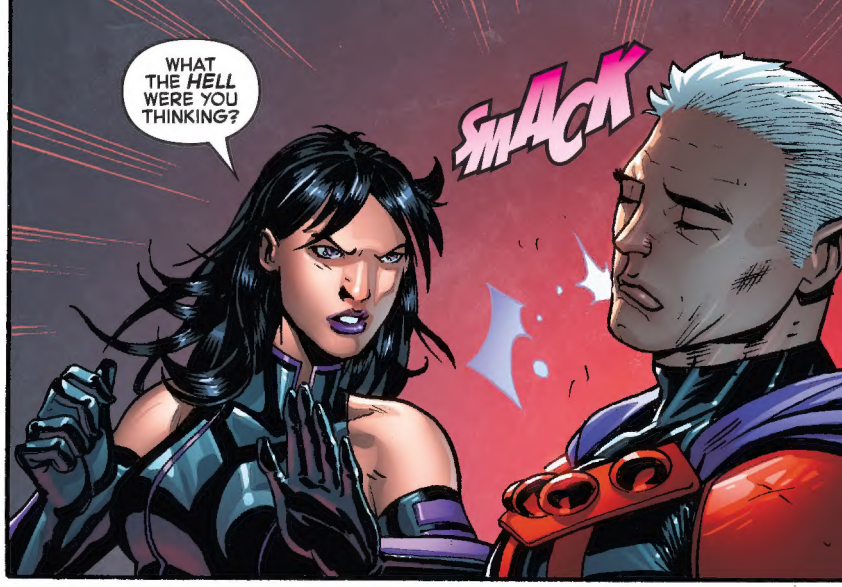


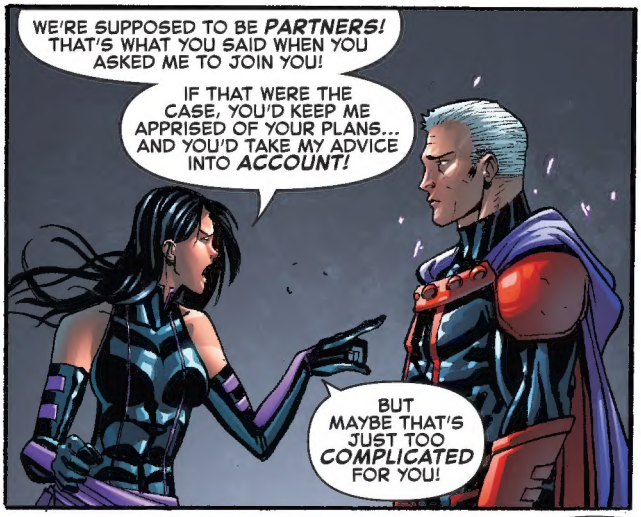
BAM

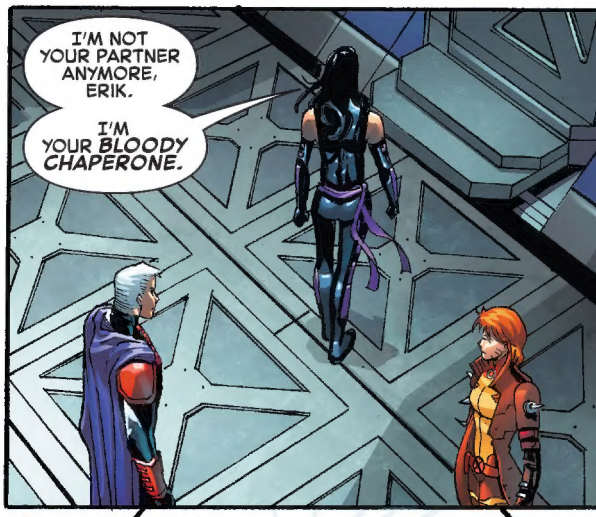
ORORO...
...I JUST WANTED TO SAY...
...I WANTED TO KNOW...
...IF THERE'S STILL A PLACE HERE--


JUST SHUT UP.
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN A *REPRIEVE.*
DON'T *RUIN* IT.

WAR ROOM X.
THE SAVAGE LAND.


WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?
SMACK


WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PARTNERS! THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO JOIN YOU!
IF THAT WERE THE CASE, YOU'D KEEP ME APPRISED OF YOUR PLANS... AND YOU'D TAKE MY ADVICE INTO ACCOUNT!
BUT MAYBE THAT'S JUST TOO COMPLICATED FOR YOU!


I'M NOT YOUR PARTNER ANYMORE, ERIK.
I'M YOUR BLOODY CHAPERONE.

WELL...ON THAT UNCOMFORTABLE NOTE, I'LL BE LEAVING.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR TEAM HAS ITS QUOTA OF PSYCHICS WHO DOUBT YOUR MOTIVES.
VERY WELL, MISS GREY.
BUT I MIGHT ASK THAT YOU DON'T GO FAR.

OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL IN DANGER.
A VERSION OF THE FUTURE YOU KNOW...WHERE MUTANTS ARE ALL BUT EXTINCT... IS STILL ON THE HORIZON.
AND I DOUBT ELIZABETH WILL STAND BY MY SIDE FOR TOO MUCH LONGER...
...NOT WHEN SHE REALIZES THE LENGTHS I'LL GO TO PREVENT THAT FUTURE FROM DAWNING.

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MUTANTS AND THE INHUMANS ESCALATES THIS OCTOBER IN

DEATH OF X #1!

DON'T MISS DEATH OF X #1